

West Stairs Replacement Project Set to Begin Wednesday, Jan. 9

Construction activities are scheduled to begin this Wednesday (January 9) on the **West Stairs Replacement Project** of the Idaho Capitol Building as this phase of work gets underway as part of the overall Capitol Restoration.

McAlvain Construction, the contractor for the project, successfully completed the replacement work on the East Stairs today with the installation of the handrails. However, public entrance to the Capitol from the East Stairs remains restricted to emergency egress only due to current security measures in place.



West Stairs Replacement work begins this week.

CLARIFICATION: The last edition of **renewal news** was a little misleading about when the next demolition activities would occur. The contractor has indicated a willingness to try and work around main events or meetings that may take place during the Legislative Session. This does not mean that no demolition will be taking place, contrary to what was reported in the area press. In fact, the contractor's latest schedule anticipates they will be starting demolition on January 9th. **A reminder, that earplugs are available at the Legislative Services Office, Room 108, or at the Legislative Information Desk on the 3rd Floor.** Every effort will be taken to work closely with McAlvain Construction to minimize noise levels that could impact upon meetings taking place during the demolition process.

The first demolition activities will be saw cutting and power chipping at the areas next to the sandstone. The large heavy demolition equipment is anticipated to be on site starting Friday, (January 11th). Expect to see the big digging/breaking backhoe in action starting next week Monday, (Jan. 14). Large dump trucks will then be hauling away broken up concrete and twisted, mangled reinforcing steel. The noisy part of the demolition efforts should be completed some time around the 11th of February. This week you may also notice some survey work taking place on the Capitol Grounds. The survey crew of Toothman-Orton Engineering will be verifying ground elevations and utility locations for use in further development of the restoration plans.

Please note: The intent of **renewal news** is to provide readers the most current and complete information as possible regarding construction activities during the Capitol Restoration project. However, construction schedules are always subject to change, based upon weather conditions, transport and acquisition of support equipment and personnel, or other unforeseen circumstances. Inquiries, comments on the Restoration effort can be sent to **Diane Blume** at: dblume@adm.state.id.us See **renewal news** online at: <http://www.capitolcommission.idaho.gov/restoration/> If you have **questions about renewal news**, contact Carole Schroeder at 332-1802 or cschroed@adm.state.id.us